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Star Lake Canal Site Placed on NPL

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has announced the placement of the Star Lake Canal site on the National Priorities List (NPL). The NPL is EPA's list of uncontrolled or abandoned hazardous waste sites identified for long-term cleanup under the federal Superfund program.

The Star Lake Canal site is located in Port Neches, Texas, an industrial city adjacent to the Neches River in east Texas. The site consists of contaminated surface water sediments in the Jefferson Canal, Star Lake Canal, and Molasses Bayou. The Jefferson and Star Lake canals have received industrial wastewater and stormwater discharges from local chemical and other manufacturing facilities for a number of years. Although these discharges and other waste disposal activities likely account for the contamination found in the surface water sediments, to date, the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission has been unable to identify one or more specific sources of the contamination.

For more information about the Star Lake Canal site, contact Rafael Casanova, U.S. EPA Remedial Project Manager, at 214-665-7437, or Linda

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Technical Assistance Grant Available for Star Lake Canal Site

EPA is announcing the availability of a Technical Assistance Grant (TAG) for the Star Lake Canal site. This TAG is available to a local citizens' group to secure the services of a technical advisor to increase citizen understanding of information that will be developed about the site in the Superfund process. By law, only one grant for up to \$50,000 may be awarded to a citizens' group at any one Superfund site. To be eligible for a grant, a group must incorporate. Also, the applicant must meet a 20 percent matching requirement, which may be in cash or donated services.

If you are interested in applying for this grant, or if you need additional information, please call or write:

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